

HUP SENG INDUSTRIES BERHAD 199101015786 (226098-P)

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income****For the year ended 31 December 2023****The figures have not been audited**

	Note	<u>2023</u> CURRENT QUARTER ENDED 31 December RM'000	<u>2022</u> CURRENT QUARTER ENDED 31 December RM'000	<u>2023</u> 12 MONTHS CUMULATIVE TO DATE RM'000	<u>2022</u> 12 MONTHS CUMULATIVE TO DATE RM'000
Revenue		95,148	94,933	357,271	318,194
Cost of sales		(64,229)	(66,774)	(248,814)	(239,912)
Gross profit		30,919	28,159	108,457	78,282
Other income		1,031	784	3,517	2,932
Administrative expenses		(4,737)	(5,070)	(19,248)	(18,364)
Selling and marketing expenses		(9,311)	(7,105)	(32,700)	(27,383)
Operating profit		17,902	16,768	60,026	35,467
Finance cost		(5)	(7)	(18)	(26)
Profit before tax	10	17,897	16,761	60,008	35,441
Income tax expense	23	(4,216)	(4,324)	(14,922)	(9,360)
Profit for the period/year		13,681	12,437	45,086	26,081
Total comprehensive income for the period/year, net of tax		13,681	12,437	45,086	26,081
Profit attributable to :					
Owners of the Parent		13,681	12,437	45,086	26,081
Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year, net of tax attributable to :					
Owners of the Parent		13,681	12,437	45,086	26,081
Earnings per share attributable to Owners of the Parent (sen) :					
-Basic	32(a)	1.71	1.55	5.64	3.26
-Diluted	32(b)	1.71	1.55	5.64	3.26

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements)

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INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position****As at 31 December 2023****The figures have not been audited**

	Note	As at 31/12/2023 RM'000	As at 31/12/2022 RM'000
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Non-current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment		70,147	72,671
Investment properties		1,211	1,274
Right-of-use assets		4,807	5,258
Deferred tax assets		538	318
Prepayments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		3,471	-
<i>Sub total</i>		80,174	79,521
Current assets:			
Inventories		30,126	29,941
Trade and other receivables	11	37,261	40,169
Prepayments		550	763
Cash and bank balances	12	90,506	62,442
<i>Sub total</i>		158,443	133,315
TOTAL ASSETS		238,617	212,836
<u>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:</u>			
Equity attributable to			
Owners of the Company :			
Share capital		80,000	80,000
Retained earnings		82,187	61,101
TOTAL EQUITY	<i>Sub total</i>	162,187	141,101
Non-current liabilities :			
Deferred tax liabilities		6,432	6,661
Lease liabilities		58	191
<i>Sub total</i>		6,490	6,852
Current liabilities:			
Trade and other payables		61,690	58,320
Lease liabilities		206	301
Refund liabilities		2,658	2,752
Income tax payable		5,386	3,510
<i>Sub total</i>		69,940	64,883
TOTAL LIABILITIES		76,430	71,735
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		238,617	212,836

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INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity****The figures have not been audited****For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Attributable to owners of the parent		
	Non-distributable	Distributable	Total
	Share capital RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	RM'000
Opening balance at 1 January 2023	80,000	61,101	141,101
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	45,086	45,086
Transaction with the owners			
Dividends on ordinary shares	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
Total transaction with the owners	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
Closing balance at 31 December 2023	80,000	82,187	162,187

**For the corresponding year
ended 31 December 2022**

	Attributable to owners of the parent		
	Non-distributable	Distributable	Total
	Share capital RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	RM'000
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	80,000	59,020	139,020
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	26,081	26,081
Transaction with the owners			
Dividends on ordinary shares	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
Total transaction with the owners	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	80,000	61,101	141,101

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

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INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows****For the year ended 31 December 2023****The figures have not been audited**

	Note	<u>2023</u> 12 months ended 31/12/2023 RM'000	<u>2022</u> 12 months ended 31/12/2022 RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Profit before tax		60,008	35,441
Adjustments for:			
Allowance for/(reversal of) doubtful debts		127	(79)
Bad debts written off		89	6
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		5,089	6,119
Depreciation of investment properties		63	63
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		520	537
Interest expense on lease liabilities		18	26
Interest income		(2,017)	(1,214)
Inventories written off		100	235
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(160)	(217)
Property, plant and equipment written off		475	260
Total adjustments		4,304	5,736
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital		64,312	41,177
Changes in working capital			
Increase in inventories		(285)	(1,964)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		2,692	(8,481)
Increase in prepayments		(3,258)	(285)
Increase in trade and other payables		3,276	2,436
Total changes in working capital		2,425	(8,294)
Cash flows generated from operations		66,737	32,883
Interest expense on lease liabilities paid		(18)	(26)
Income taxes paid		(13,496)	(7,931)
Net cash flows generated from operating activities		53,223	24,926
Cash flows from investing activities			
Withdrawal of deposits with more than 3 months with licensed bank		-	1,039
Interest income received		2,017	1,214
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		161	233
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,041)	(6,311)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(863)	(3,825)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment for lease liabilities		(296)	(313)
Dividends paid on ordinary shares		(24,000)	(24,000)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(24,296)	(24,313)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		28,064	(3,212)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		62,442	65,654
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	12	90,506	62,442

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

Part A: Explanatory notes pursuant to MFRS 134
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1. Corporate information

Hup Seng Industries Berhad is a public limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

2. Basis of Preparation

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements, for the year ended 31 December 2023, have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134 Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The explanatory notes attached to these condensed consolidated interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the year ended 31 December 2022.

3. Significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation adopted for the interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted for the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the adoption of the following which are applicable to the financial statements and are relevant to the operations:

(I) Adoption of Annual Improvements and Amendments

Description	Effective for annual periods beginning <u>on or after</u>
Amendments to MFRS 101: Presentation of Financial Statements	
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: Income Tax - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: Income Tax - International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules	1 January 2023

The adoption of the above Amendments do not have significant financial impact to the Group's consolidated financial statements for the current quarter.

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(II) Annual Improvements and Amendments issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of these interim financial statements, the followings Amendments were issued but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

Description	Effective for annual periods beginning <u>on or after</u>
Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7: Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 16: Leases - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Presentation of Financial Statements - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 121: The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates - Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred

The adoption of the Annual Improvements and Amendments above will have no material impact on the financial statements in the year of initial adoption.

4. Comments about seasonal or cyclical factors

The Group's business operations are normally affected by seasonal factors occurring in certain periods of the financial year, such as Hari Raya Puasa, Chinese New Year, etc.

5. Unusual items due to their nature, size or incidence

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows for the cumulative financial period ended 31 December 2023.

6. Changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates that have had a material effect in the current quarter results.

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7. Capital management, debt and equity securities

The Group's objectives of managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue in operations as a going concern in order to provide fair returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain the optimal capital structure, the Group may, from time to time, adjust the dividend payout to shareholders, return capital to shareholders and issue new shares, where necessary. For capital management purposes, the Group considers shareholders' equity and total liabilities to be the key components in the Group's capital structure. The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. The ratio is calculated as the total liabilities to total equity. Total equity is the sum of total equity attributable to shareholders. The gearing ratio as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, which are within the Group's objectives for capital management, are as follows:

	As at 31.12.2023 RM'000	As at 31.12.2022 RM'000
Total liabilities	76,430	71,735
Total equity	162,187	141,101
Total capital	80,000	80,000
Gearing ratio	47%	51%

The decrease in the gearing ratio is mainly due to the increase in equity through net profits earned, in excess of dividends declared.

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares for the financial period to date.

8. Dividends

	Date of payment	Cumulative to date 31.12.2023 RM'000
Dividend on ordinary share:		
- Third interim dividend of 1 sen per share (single-tier) for 2022 declared on 28 February 2023	05.04.2023	8,000
- First interim dividend of 1 sen per share (single-tier) for 2023 declared on 2 June 2023	12.07.2023	8,000
- Second interim dividend of 1 sen per share (single-tier) for 2023 declared on 29 August 2023	06.10.2023	8,000
		<u>24,000</u>

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9. Operating Segments

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services, and has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- I. The biscuit manufacturing segment is in the business of manufacture and sales of biscuits.
- II. The beverage manufacturing segment is in the business of manufacture and wholesale of coffee mix and all kinds of foodstuff.
- III. The trading division segment is in the business of sales and distribution of biscuits, confectionery and other foodstuff.

	Biscuit manufacturing division RM'000	Beverage manufacturing division RM'000	Trading division RM'000	Total RM'000
Quarter ended 31.12.2023				
Revenue *	70,807	1,662	74,012	146,481
Profit for reportable segments	10,874	43	7,302	18,219
12 months cumulative to date				
Revenue *	264,874	6,585	283,339	554,798
Profit for reportable segments	32,267	247	29,254	61,768

Reconciliation of profit or loss

Profit or loss for the financial period/year ended 31.12.2023	Quarter ended RM'000	Cumulative to date RM'000
Total profit for reportable segments	18,219	61,768
Profit from inter-segment sales	106	79
Other income	262	895
Unallocated expenses	(690)	(2,734)
Profit before tax	17,897	60,008

* Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from the reportable segments. Inter-segment sales for the current quarter and 12 months cumulative to date are RM51,333,000 and RM197,527,000.

Trading division mainly comprises domestic sales. Biscuits remain the dominant range which represents about 94% of the total sales, while beverages and other agents' products make up the balance. The comments on Note 19 apply to the above three reportable operating segments.

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10. Profit before tax

Included in the profit before tax are the following items:

	Quarter ended		Cumulative to date	
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Interest income	(646)	(393)	(2,017)	(1,214)
Rental income	(83)	(86)	(339)	(319)
Allowance for/(reversal of) doubtful debts (Note 11)	(69)	(72)	127	(79)
Bad debts written off	79	2	89	6
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,263	1,552	5,089	6,119
Depreciation of investment properties	15	15	63	63
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	126	137	520	537
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(56)	(25)	(160)	(217)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	5	7	18	26
Inventories written off	31	29	100	235
Property, plant and equipment written off	153	74	475	260
Realised exchange (gain)/losses	(4)	(79)	272	126

11. Trade and other receivables

	As at	
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Trade receivables		
Third parties	37,188	40,196
Less: Allowance for doubtful debts	(465)	(342)
Trade receivables, net	36,723	39,854
Other receivables	538	315
Total trade and other receivables	37,261	40,169

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Trade receivables

The ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables is as follows:

	As at	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Neither past due nor impaired	25,842	27,718
1 to 30 days past due not impaired	9,817	10,229
31 to 60 days past due not impaired	1,015	1,125
61 to 90 days past due not impaired	48	779
More than 121 days past due not impaired	1	3
	10,881	12,136
Impaired	465	342
	<u>37,188</u>	<u>40,196</u>

Receivables that are impaired

Movement in allowance accounts :

At 1 January	342	467
Written off	(4)	(46)
Charge/(reversal) for the year (Note 10)	127	(79)
	<u>465</u>	<u>342</u>

12. Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprised the following amounts:

	As at	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash and bank balances	5,296	7,042
Short-term deposits with licensed banks	85,210	55,400
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>90,506</u>	<u>62,442</u>

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13. Foreign exchange exposure

The Group's exposures to foreign currency are as follows:

	As at	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Trade and other receivables		
United States Dollars	41	820
Singapore Dollars	2,518	3,447

The Group does not engage in any formal hedging activities.

14. Events after the reporting period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter.

15. Changes in composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current quarter and financial period to date.

16. Changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Group has no contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual date of the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022.

17. Capital commitments

Approved capital commitments not recognised in the interim financial statements as at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	RM'000
Approved but not contracted for:	
-Purchase of property, plant and equipment	479
Contracted but not provided for:	
-Purchase of a new production line	8,908
-Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4,820
	<u>14,207</u>

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18. Related party transactions

	Current quarter ended 31.12.2023 RM	12 months cumulative to date 31.12.2023 RM
Rental of premises payable to:		
- Hup Seng Brothers Holdings Sdn. Bhd. #	<u>24,150</u>	<u>96,600</u>
Sales of beverages to:		
- Henan Ever Crown International Trg Co, Ltd. @	<u>-</u>	<u>137,244</u>

Note:

Certain directors of the Group are also directors and shareholders of Hup Seng Brothers Holdings Sdn. Bhd.

@ The son-in-law of the director of the Company, namely Kuo Liong Yok, is a director of Henan Ever Crown International Trg Co, Ltd.

The Directors are of the opinion that the above transactions have been established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

Part B: Explanatory notes pursuant to Main Market Listing Requirements of
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19. Performance review

Financial review for current quarter and financial year to date

	3 months Quarter ended		Changes		12 months cumulative to date		Changes	
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%
Revenue	95,148	94,933	215	0	357,271	318,194	39,077	12
Operating profit	17,902	16,768	1,134	7	60,026	35,467	24,559	69
Profit before interest and tax	17,902	16,768	1,134	7	60,026	35,467	24,559	69
Finance cost	(5)	(7)	2	29	(18)	(26)	8	31
Profit before tax	17,897	16,761	1,136	7	60,008	35,441	24,567	69
Profit after tax	13,681	12,437	1,244	10	45,086	26,081	19,005	73
Profit attributable to: Owners of the Parent	13,681	12,437	1,244	10	45,086	26,081	19,005	73

The Group's revenue for the current quarter ended 31 December 2023 marginally increased to RM95,148,000 from RM94,933,000 in the quarter ended 31 December 2022. Domestic sales slightly increased by RM0.7 million compared to previous corresponding period. Export market has decreased by about 2% or RM0.5 million mainly from Myanmar.

The Group registered a profit before tax of RM17,897,000 as compared to a profit before tax of RM16,761,000 in the preceding corresponding quarter, an increase of about 7%. The increase in profit before tax is mainly due to the improvement in contribution as a result of cost reduction of certain major input materials.

The Group's revenue for the twelve months ended 31 December 2023 increased by 12% to RM357,271,000 from RM318,194,000 as compared with the preceding year corresponding period mainly due to sales volume. Higher domestic sales which grew by 16% or RM38.4 million were registered for all channels. Export sales slightly increased by 1% or about RM0.7 million mainly from Singapore.

The profit before tax has increased to RM60,008,000 when compared with the preceding year corresponding period of RM35,441,000 an increase of about 69%. The increase in profit before tax is mainly due to the improvement in contribution as a result of cost reduction of certain major input materials and higher sales recorded.

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20. Comment of material change in profit before taxation

Financial review for current quarter compared with immediate preceding quarter

	Current quarter	Immediate preceding quarter	Changes	
	31.12.2023 RM'000	30.09.2023 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%
Revenue	95,148	94,190	958	1
Operating profit	17,902	17,389	513	3
Profit before interest and tax	17,902	17,389	513	3
Finance cost	(5)	(5)	0	0
Profit before tax	17,897	17,384	513	3
Profit after tax	13,681	13,020	661	5
Profit attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent	13,681	13,020	661	5

The Group's revenue has increased by 1% to RM95,148,000 in the current quarter ended 31 December 2023 as compared to RM94,190,000 in the preceding quarter. Export market has increased by 18% or RM3.2 million mainly from Thailand, Indonesia and China. Domestic market, on the other hand, decreased by 3% or RM2.2 million mainly due to shortage of supply.

Profit before tax increased by about 3% to RM17,897,000 as compared to RM17,384,000 in the preceding quarter mainly due to lower material input cost and higher sales recorded.

21. Commentary of prospects

The year 2024 is bound to be a very challenging year, and the Group envisages that the operating environment is expected to remain highly competitive. The Group will evolve to meet the demands of consumers and strive to continue to maintain and improve product quality. The Group will also focus on maintaining the market share and product competitiveness in order to increase the popularity of Hup Seng biscuits in the industry.

The Group will leverage operational efficiencies and cost saving initiative to ensure that a better performance is achieved in the coming year.

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22. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

The disclosure requirements for explanatory notes for the variance of actual profit after tax and non-controlling interest and forecast profit after tax and non-controlling interest and for the shortfall in profit guarantee are not applicable.

23. Income tax expense

	3 months		Cumulative	
	Quarter ended		to date	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current income tax:				
-Malaysia income tax	4,502	4,053	15,372	9,219
-Deferred taxation	(286)	271	(450)	141
	<u>4,216</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>14,922</u>	<u>9,360</u>

Major components of tax expenses

	Current	12 months
	quarter	Cumulative
	ended	to date
	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
	RM'000	RM'000
Current tax expense	4,502	15,372
Deferred tax expense	(286)	(450)
	<u>4,216</u>	<u>14,922</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>17,897</u>	<u>60,008</u>
Taxation at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24%	4,295	14,402
Adjustments:		
-Non-deductible expenses	264	873
-Expenses with double deduction	(343)	(353)
Income tax expense	<u>4,216</u>	<u>14,922</u>
Effective tax rate	23.6%	24.9%

24. Sale of unquoted investments and properties

There were no sale of unquoted investments and properties for the current quarter and financial year to date.

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25. Quoted securities

There were no purchase and sale of quoted securities for the current quarter and financial year to date.

26. Corporate proposals

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed not earlier than seven (7) days from 19 February 2024.

27. Borrowings and debt securities

There were no group borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the reporting period.

28. Derivative financial instruments

As at the reporting date of 31 December 2023, the Group has no outstanding derivative financial instruments.

29. Gains/losses arising from fair value changes of financial liabilities

There are no gains/losses arising from fair value changes of any financial liabilities.

30. Changes in material litigation

There were no material litigation not earlier than seven (7) days from 19 February 2024.

31. Dividend payable

Other than as disclosed in Note 8 above, the Board of Directors recommends the payment of third interim single-tier dividend of 1.5 sen per ordinary share and special dividend of 0.5 sen per ordinary share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023 for the financial quarter under review. The entitlement date will be announced in due course.

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32. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	3 months quarter ended		12 months cumulative to date	
	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.23	31.12.22
(a) Basic				
Profit for the period/year (RM'000)	13,681	12,437	45,086	26,081
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for earnings per share ('000)	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Basic earnings per share (sen)	1.71	1.55	5.64	3.26
(b) Diluted				
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	1.71	1.55	5.64	3.26

33. Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 was not qualified.

34. Authorization for issue

The interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 19 February 2024.